In Praise of Pork

John Ellwood/Eric Patashnik (1993)

*Answer the questions below using the information from the Polity reading:* ***In Praise of Pork*** *(p185)*

1. Define pork barrel legislation:
2. Why would a member of Congress typically use “pork”?
3. Give an example of Brian Kelly’s opinion on pork barrel legislation referenced in the reading.
4. Summarize the Newsweek and Time articles’ points about “pork”.
5. What two things must occur to significantly address budget deficits?
6. What is the rationale posed by the authors as to why pork-barrel legislation IS necessary?
7. How do they use the Federalist#51 to support their point?
8. Explain the phrase, “one guy’s pork is another guy’s red meat”.
9. How do Mayhew’s views enter the “pork” argument in the reading?
10. What are the three elements of “good pork”?
11. What do most mainstream economists agree upon?
12. Considering the current national debt is at $16.4 trillion, (a product of years of budget deficits), how does the article connect to our current economic situation?
13. Connect economic health to pork barrel attention.